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Timely Tidbits . . .

Chamber's Annual Business Directory Is in the Mail!

Romulus residents will be receiving their copy of the second annual Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Business Directory in the mail this week. Chamber president Mark Lewkowicz wants to remind everyone to keep an eye out for it since, last year, many residents inadvertently threw theirs away without realizing what it was.

EDS To Withdraw Royalty Offer if City Doesn't Settle Lawsuit

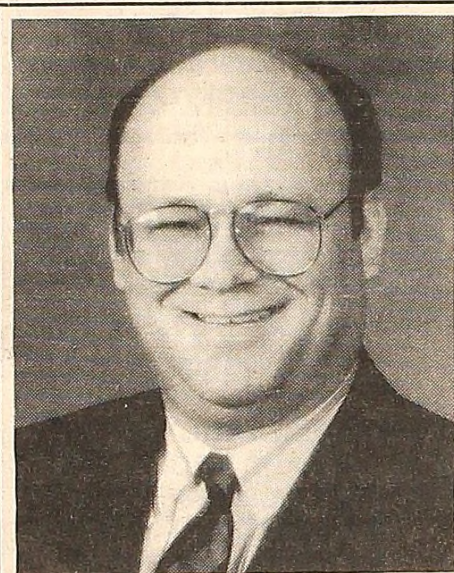
Following the Council's recent decision to have Mayor Beverly McAnally prepare a budget amendment proposal to appropriate an additional \$140,000 for costs incurred by the City's lawsuit against Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) – thus affirming the City's continued intent to pursue the lawsuit rather than settle the matter out of court – EDS president Douglas Wicklund declared that the City stands to lose a great deal financially by such action.

"Contrary to what many people seem to believe, EDS is not legally required to pay the City any royalties," said Wicklund. "We have offered to sit down with the City in an attempt to settle this matter, but, if we must go to trial, the benefits, including royalties, which we have offered to the City will no longer be affordable."

Council's decision was made almost immediately after, and despite, three separate rulings against the City by Judge Claudia Morcom. The City had requested that, as a matter of law, the complaint of the City be accepted without having to go through a trial; that, as a matter of law, the countersuit by EDS be stricken without having to go through a trial, and that the testimony of former Romulus Community Development Director, Dennis Oakes, not be taken.

City Attorney Barry Seifman told City Council, at its February 7 meeting, that motions for summary disposition are often dismissed, and assured them that the City had lost no legal ground. Attorneys for EDS, however, see the rulings as a major victory, maintaining that the City has "played its best cards and lost."

City Councilman Bergeron Defends "No Conflict of Interest" Position



Councilman Pete Bergeron

Despite Romulus City Attorney Barry Seifman's opinion that City Councilman Noah "Pete" Bergeron has no conflict of interest when it comes to voting on City business involving the Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) injection well, several Romulus citizens continue to call for Bergeron to stop attending executive meetings about the City's lawsuit against EDS and to abstain from voting on any motions related to the well project.

Bergeron's opponents believe that he has a conflict of interest in the matter because EDS constructed its well on property bought from Bergeron's father-in-law, John Ryznar. They also maintain that Bergeron was actively involved in the negotiation process which led to the property's ultimate purchase.

But at the Council meeting held on Monday, February 7, Bergeron defended himself against the attacks, reading a prepared statement to the audience.

"I would like to take this opportunity to respond to accusations which have been leveled against me and my family by those individuals who refer to themselves as my friends. These people have taken a position on an issue which I, fellow Council members, and the City administration have been involved with for over three years, and are trying to influence further action by making my credibility an overriding issue in their campaign. This is unfair to me, my family, and our fellow residents, and rejects the principles which have served this country for over 200 years.

"Environmental Disposal Systems and Best Way Recycling first approached the City with their deepwell project in the summer of 1990 after they heard the City of Romulus approved a medical waste incinerator with no opposition. Best Way

itself was a local company and had operated in Romulus for a number of years. As a Councilperson, I have always felt it my responsibility to evaluate business opportunities which might benefit Romulus and strengthen its economic base.

"There was no secrecy here. Throughout this time, there were numerous contacts between EDS, Best Way, and other City officials. Ryan and Wicklund were looking at properties throughout the City, including the following areas: Harrison off Middlebelt; Northline at Huron River; I-275 and Eureka; and Northline and Wahrman. During the course of this search, EDS became aware of property that John Ryznar, my father-in-law, had for sale. As a result, they spoke to John Ryznar and became interested in his property. John had his property for sale for quite some time, and an interest in his property was a welcome change for him. Therefore, John asked EDS to have their attorney contact his attorney. John Ryznar and his attorney were responsible for negotiating the purchase option on the property. I assisted my father-in-law by carrying paperwork between the parties when EDS' attorney was out of town. I was never at the Marriott in Southfield! There was no financial incentive for me to do so; I was simply helping my wife's father. I felt then, as I do now, that there was no

problem in doing this, and that it did not represent any conflict of interest.

"I have always placed the interest of Romulus and my fellow residents above everything else when acting in my capacity of Councilperson. This doesn't mean that, as a private individual, I can't run a business of my own or provide personal help to my family and friends. I believe that the voters of Romulus, my family, and true friends know me well enough to understand this.

"The easiest way to make this clear is to make it public again and part of the record. This is exactly what I did at the December 1990 Council meeting which has been so widely discussed. My first remarks addressed this very issue. I clearly told my fellow Council members and the Public that my wife's father's property was one of the proposed sites for the project. I couldn't say for sure whether the project would or would not go there, but made a full disclosure that I would not benefit from the project coming to the City. The existence of an option on John Ryznar's property didn't make any difference. This remains true to this date. I have not benefited either directly or indirectly from this project.

"My voting record on this issue, as it is with all issues, was and continues to be based on what I feel is best for the

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Barth Spelling Bee Champ

By Rosemary Hedin

Mrs. Rosemary Hedin, Barth Elementary School fifth-grade teacher and spelling bee chairperson, recently announced that the 1994 Barth Spelling Bee school champion is Diana Oswald, daughter of Mrs. Darlene Oswald of Porter Street. Diana is a fifth-grade student in Mrs. Christine Powers' room.

The Spelling Bee runnerup was Robert Belcher, son of Mr. William Adams of Elmview Street. Robert is a sixth-grade student in Mrs. Jean Reott's class. Robert's older sister, Charlene, was the school's spelling bee winner two years ago. Robert misspelled the word "taxes," which Diana spelled correctly.

Again this year, words were pronounced by Mrs. Becky Oz. Judges for the school spelling bee were Mrs. Theresa Blizman, Dr. Terrel LeCesne, Mrs. Pat McCollum, and Ms. Cheryl Smith. Later this year, Diana will receive a dictionary with her name stamped in gold on the cover. She will also represent Barth in the District Spelling Bee next month.

The top 10 spellers in Barth's fifth



Diana Oswald and Robert Belcher

grade are Jackie Hamilton, Jennell Harper, Rosalie Hammond, Shaun Kemp, Danylle Malloy, Angel McKinney, Brandon Olson, Diana Oswald, Chris Rocker, Windell Woods, and Amanda Youtsey.

The top 10 spellers in the school's sixth grade are Layla Ahrens, Robert Belcher, Andrea Coate, Erin Conway, Andrea Hoppe, Rachel Kolar, Ruby Lee, Audrey Luck, Chris Rinehart, Donald Slater, and Brandon Wildman.

Congratulations to all! □

The Lighter Slice

A Bedtime Story



By Tom Shamanski

Not long ago, a very good friend from my high-school days asked me why I get out of bed in the morning. Obviously, she was going through a very difficult time when we talked. As I recall, I said something inane like: "Because I'm usually hungry, and have to go to the bathroom, too." Sometimes for good, sometimes for bad, I tend to use humor to fend off questions that either make me uncomfortable or to which I have no ready reply.

Anyway, her question kept churning in my mind and, later that night, I made a list of some reasons why I do, indeed, get up each day. There's nothing profound here – but, then again, except for a rare brush with God, our lives are not very profound, either. My list went like this.

- Sometimes, I know that I'll be seeing that very same friend during the day, and that's reason enough for me to get up.
- As a writer, my job is mostly of a sedentary nature, so it's a pleasure for me to get up on a day when I expect to be working outside – even if the job is shovelling snow. To me, there's now something magical and enriching about good, hard, physical labor. It seems to fulfill a need willed to me by my ancestors. When I've finished, it's a genuine treat simply to look at what I've done and think: "Hey, that looks pretty darn good."

- Where I live, there also lives a huge, gentle, and unbelievably friendly dog. We've become buddies. In the mornings, when he hears my alarm, he'll come to my door and wait for me to shuffle out. When I do, his entire body wags, not just his tail. As he's so overtly happy to see me, he makes me, in turn, happy to see him. Just that is a good reason to get out of bed.
- Besides *The Romulus News*, I write for two other publications, one being a country-music entertainment paper. For that, I interview local country bands and solo artists. Doing the bands can be tough, as I'm interviewing from four to six people, and later have to struggle to pull all the information together and write it up – but it's usually a lot of fun to talk to the solo artists. Almost always, these are good, down-to-earth men and women who love life and make me laugh. Also, they often give me great quotes that seem to flow freely from their hearts – and can, at times, pointedly sum up life, itself. For example, I interviewed a songwriter who had recently had one of his songs recorded by a National country artist. When I asked him what he does when he's not writing or performing, he said, "Mostly, I'm just trying to get it right." I liked that a lot.
- Last summer, I traveled to Ohio and Tennessee to spend some unique and privileged time with a number of Amish families. As a result, I now have an Amish friend named Alice, and we write back and forth. On those days when I'm expecting a letter from her, I'll pop out of bed because I love to read about how, for instance, she's writing her letter to me while her 10-year-old daughter is at "morning" school in their one-room schoolhouse, and Alice is baking her daily bread. So, then: Why do I get up in the morning? Looking back, it seems to be the anticipation of what *may* happen that day, and not the certainty of what I *know* will happen. □



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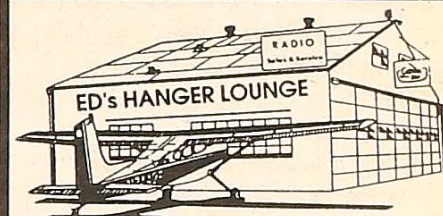
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Letters to the Editor

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The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

"Voice of the People" Letter Draws Response

Letter to the Editor:

The following is my response to Sonda Stepchuk's letter, which was published in your January 27, 1994 issue.

PUT UP OR SHUT UP, SONDA.

In the January 27, 1994 issue, Sonda Stepchuk stated that, "To date, over 4,000 Romulus residents have said that they 'do not want the injection well in Romulus.' The petitions they signed speak clearly for them."

In response, I submit the following:

1) The RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) bunch keeps bragging about petitions with 4,000 signatures, but has refused to allow them to be examined for authenticity. I seriously doubt that they have signatures from 4,000 registered Romulus voters.

2) The wording of the petition is worthless. If the RECAP bunch really wanted to know what the public thought, they would have worded the petition as follows:

"Romulus city officials knew for three years that the injection well was going to be constructed and they waited until two months after construction was completed to try and stop the well. The city has spent over \$200,000 on lawyers fighting the well so far. Are you in favor of paying higher taxes and having reduced city services in order to pay the lawyers even more money?"

3) Ms. Stepchuk also suggests that the injection well will cause "deformed babies, deaths, or habitual illness." If Ms. Stepchuk has any documentary evidence

that such atrocities have ever resulted from operation of an injection well, she should produce such evidence NOW!

Put up or shut up! Such hysterical statements are an insult to the intelligence of Romulus citizens and cannot go unchallenged.

The only conclusions that I can draw from Ms. Stepchuk's statements are that either she has other motives for making such statements or else she is simply out of touch with reality.

Sincerely,
Roberta Trubiano, R.N.
Romulus

Property Owner Asks EDS for Answers . . .

To the Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to express some serious concerns that I have with respect to the credibility of the EDS injection-well project in Romulus. My concerns are as follows:

A) Mr. Wicklund has consistently stated that EDS was the one and only owner of this project. However, as a result of RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) obtaining legal documents and court records indicating involvement of others, Mr. Wicklund now admits that this project is owned by Remus Joint Venture. This venture consists of three major partners: Romulus Deep Disposal Partnership, Romulus Limited Partnership, and Geological Disposal Systems of Bothwell, Ontario, Canada. Why did Mr. Wicklund have to go to Canada to find a major partner if this is such a worthwhile venture?

Mr. Wicklund has emphatically denied that Mr. Ryan and Mr. Runco, owners of the Waterford Hills Landfill and Oakland Disposal, have any involvement in this deep-well project. However, legal documents and court records reveal that, in June 1990, Mr. Wicklund entered into a 50/50 partnership with these persons to develop this injection well. Further evidence shows Mr. Ryan's wife and Mr. Runco's wife to be limited partners in the

Romulus Limited Partnership, one of the three major partners in Remus Joint Venture. Why the cloak of secrecy and deception in this matter? What are they trying to hide? An Oakland County judge ruled that the leaking landfill in Waterford Township will be capped permanently, and cost the taxpayers \$8 million. Could history repeat itself in Romulus? Court records indicate that all parties could foresee "trouble on the horizon" with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) by having Mr. Ryan and Mr. Runco involved in the Romulus Deep Well project. All evidence indicates that they are involved with the Romulus project.

C) Mr. Wicklund and Mr. Schager have further failed to reveal the involvement of Geological Disposal Systems of Bothwell, Ontario, Canada. This company is one of the three major partners in this project. This company has the same address as one of the largest hazardous-waste haulers in Canada. EDS has played down the fact that Canada was listed as one of the major target areas for this well. Documented evidence shows that, from the very beginning, Canada was to be one of the major business target areas. Why has EDS denied this? Will Romulus be proud to import Canada's hazardous waste?

D) Mr. Wicklund has further failed to reveal the involvement of Waste Systems, a general partner of Romulus Deep Disposal Limited Partnership. A general partner has power to exercise control of the business activities of this Romulus project. Waste Systems Corp. appears to be nonexistent. The business address listed on the corporate documents is for Cambridge Financial Systems, a firm that handles financial planning and insurance. Mr. Wicklund states that he is not now a front, nor will he in the future be a front, for any companies or individuals. This sure looks like a front to me! I respectfully request that Mr. Wicklund explain the structure of Waste Systems and provide the citizens of Romulus a list of owners and investors in Waste Systems in order to remove the cloud of suspicion that Waste Systems is a front or a dummy corporation.

Has EDS disclosed all the facts with respect to the ownership of the Romulus project? Why are so many questions unanswered about the way this project has been handled? There has been a veil of secrecy and deception regarding this Romulus project from the very beginning. EDS has used cloak-and-dagger tactics to keep the truth from the citizens of Romulus.

Come clean, Mr. Wicklund, and give us all the facts, not just the ones you find to suit your needs. Who are the real players in this ball game?

Respectfully,
R.P. & Helena Lilly
Romulus property-owners/taxpayers

. . . And EDS Responds to That Request

Dear Mr. Lilly,

Thank you for taking the time to write your Letter to the Editor. We appreciate your interest in our EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and DNR (Department of Natural Resources) approved deepwell facility and, as always, the opportunity to communicate with Romulus citizens about our project.

As many of your questions have been answered in previous press releases and newspaper articles, we won't waste valuable editorial space by repeating the same old information.

We would, however, like to reiterate several points:

1) EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.) is owned 100% by Douglas Wicklund.

2) EDS is the licensed Owner/Operator of this project and, as such, has sole authority over development and operation.

3) EDS is the Managing General Partner of the partnerships which own an interest in the project.

4) Neither EDS, nor myself, have ever been associated with, or owned an interest in, Oakland Disposal, Waterford Hills Landfill, or any other landfill for that matter.

5) From the start of this project, EDS has considered southeast Michigan its primary market. Disposal capacity will be offered first to the needs of Romulus industry and the remediation of contaminated sites within the City. Capacity will then be made available to the balance of the southeast Michigan area. Remaining disposal capacity, if any, will then be made available on a regional basis to qualified industrial and commercial customers with waste disposal requirements appropriate to deepwell technology. EDS has not indicated at any time the limits of its market area in that it cannot predict local economic conditions and disposal needs. However, its location in the City of Romulus is, and has always been, due to its focus on the southeastern Michigan market.

As to any remaining questions that you may have, we suggest, as we have many times in the past, that you visit our site and present your pertinent questions in person instead of needlessly writing letters to newspapers.

An extension of common courtesy by you would be a demonstration of good faith and, among other things, allow you the opportunity to learn, firsthand, why the EPA believes Class I injection wells to be "safer than virtually all other waste disposal practices."

Sincerely,
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The Nature of Risk

By Robert W. Powitz, Ph.D.

Risk is defined as the probability that something (generally unpleasant or unwanted) will happen. Our perception of risk changes with our experience, understanding, and knowledge. For instance, we give little thought to handling a quite dangerous flammable solvent; we regularly ride around with about 20 gallons of the stuff. Of course, you recognize gasoline. Interestingly, if gasoline is disposed of for any reason, it is definitely labeled a "Hazardous Waste." The same would hold true for any number of household products such as chlorine bleach, bowl cleaner, and the pesticides used around your home.

Epidemiology is the science of measuring risks to health from various causes. Most of us are aware of health risks associated with certain activities such as smoking and heart disease; using air-bags and seat belts in crash survivability; and alcohol consumption (another toxic solvent) and birth defects. These are all known as high-risk factors. On the other hand, the safe handling of hazardous wastes – regardless of how "hazardous" the wastes may be – has *not* resulted in any health consequences to the public, given the positive correlation between direct exposure and the resulting injury or illness. The liquid wastes that will be disposed of by the EDS deep well are far less hazardous (in terms of potential risk) than many household products, and are certainly less hazardous than gasoline.

When liquid wastes are *permanently* disposed of by deep-well injection, the risk of illness or injury is nonexistent. There is obviously no pathway of exposure when these wastes are separated from us by a distance 4,000 feet of solid rock.

Your opinion matters! Your perception of health risks associated with the Environmental Disposal Systems deep well should be based on documented facts and epidemiological evidence. The more questions you ask, the better informed you'll be. To find out more about health risks and deep-well disposal, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or any one of our great state universities. It's important for all of us to learn as much as possible about deep-well injection so that we can make an informed decision. Please call or visit the EDS office; they are committed to help you learn about this issue.

Note: This is the first of several articles which Environmental Disposal Systems has asked Dr. Powitz (of R.W. Powitz & Associates, P.C., Environmental Health & Safety Consultants, Old Saybrook, Connecticut) to write on the subjects of risk and health. Robert W. Powitz received his Ph.D. and Masters in Environmental Health from the University of Minnesota in 1978.

Dr. Powitz has a strong professional affiliation with southeast Michigan. He was the Director of Environmental Health at Wayne State University for over 12 years and Professor in the Graduate Hazardous Waste Management program. Dr. Powitz also served as the Wayne County representative on the Michigan Act 64 – Facilities Site Review Board. Dr. Powitz is a Michigan-Licensed Sanitarian and a Certified Hazardous Waste Manager at the Masters Level. He has published widely on hazardous waste management and training issues.

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Romulus Profile: Jane Downing

By Tom Shamanski

Jane Downing, Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Romulus, is an exceptionally personable and infectious spirited woman who loves, and derives great satisfaction from, local politics and government. Appointed to her position in January 1993 by Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally, the 38-year-old Downing recently told of how close she came to becoming the city manager for Bethel, Alaska (she actually had her plane ticket "in hand") before ultimately deciding that she'd much rather live and work in Romulus.

"Bethel has a population of 5,000," Downing explained, "and is 80 miles inland from the Bering Sea; it's actually closer to Russia than to Anchorage. The only way to get there is by boat or plane, yet it's quite a sophisticated and urban community."

"In the end, though, I called Bethel and told them I was going to work in Romulus."

It seems highly unlikely, given Downing's ardent zeal for her work, that she has ever regretted her last-minute decision to become an integral part of Romulus' city government. Though she's a native of Pontiac, Michigan, Downing settled into her new position as though she had been in Romulus all her life.

"As soon as I started here, I loved it," she said. "My job here is made easier by the Mayor. She's very supportive and, with her vision and that of the City Council, Romulus will definitely move forward. Already, the community is working together, and a large part of that is due to the terrific business people we have."

After graduating from an Oxford, Michigan high school in 1973, Downing attended Michigan Technological University in Houghton as a pre-med student — but, as she put it, "I discovered that I wasn't cut out for that." Therefore, in 1975, she returned to Oxford and began working in Oakland County's job-training department.

"At the time," she said, "I thought I'd work for the County just for the summer, and then go back to school — but the County had a fabulous tuition program, so I decided to stay on. I took advantage of the tuition program by going to Oakland County Community College for the next two years."

Downing also attended Oakland University and Mt. Pleasant's Central Michigan University, taking mostly business-related courses, before leaving Oakland County's employ in 1982.

In 1977, Downing was appointed to Oxford's Village Council, thereby becoming its first woman member. She was also, at the age of 21, the youngest person ever appointed to that city's governing body.

Nineteen-eighty-four found Downing working for the City of Southfield, again involved in local-government job-training programs. Significantly, it was also at this time that she first began to work in the field of economic development. Within the next few years, Downing garnered even more experience in economic development by working in Traverse City and Kalkaska County.

In 1988, she was appointed City Manager of Durand, a community located 15 miles west of Flint. When asked to speak to her four-year stint in Durand, Downing replied, "Durand had a 'council manager' form of government, in which the position of mayor was largely ceremonial; its setup was similar to what is used by the cities of Wayne and Belleville. I was picked by Durand's city council from about 50 other applicants."

Downing went on to note that her Durand job was the last position that she held before coming to work for the City of Romulus.

When asked about her goals as Director of Planning and Community Development, Downing first expressed her desire to ensure that the type of economic development that Romulus will experience will not adversely affect the character of the community.

"Romulus has an enormous amount of potential," she continued. "We need new residential development. With the Airport taking a sizeable portion of our land, we've lost a number of residents; therefore, we must provide more residential areas by building new homes and revitalizing existing neighborhoods. Currently, we have a couple of programs underway to head us in that direction."

Another goal noted by Downing is to continue Romulus' commercial growth. Because of the Airport, Romulus has the largest concentration of hotels in the State, she said. Consequently, there's great potential to attract new businesses that would compliment Romulus' hotel industry. Downing feels that this would, in turn, feed into the City's present retail community.

"Also," she stated, "I want to continue our good association with industry, such as General Motors, Kelsey-Hayes, and Lear Seating. Even now, we have several industrial parks throughout the City that are experiencing new growth."

The final goal mentioned by Downing was that of continuing to have Romulus' relationship with Wayne County — and particularly with the Airport — remain close and communicative. We must, she stressed, complement, and be sensitive to, each other's needs and goals.

Downing is unabashedly excited by the possibilities that would be opened to Romulus by a completed Metro World Centre, which, as proposed, will be located



roughly within the boundaries of I-94 and Wayne, Ecorse, and Vining roads. Currently, plans are in the works for several facilities, the first slated to be a six-story, 120,000-square-foot office building — of which, said Downing, about 50% is already leased.

Other Metro World facilities would include Gateway Convention Centre, a complete meeting, convention, trade show, and conference center; Hoop World U.S.A., the world's largest complex for basketball and other activities; Crews Landing, a hotel-type facility that will primarily serve the airline personnel market assigned to the Airport; and several other ventures.

"In addition to all this," said Downing, "we have been courting the Detroit Tigers, and have also been looking at gaming. Everything in the Centre will be of a 'world-class' level."

Downing is aided in her planning and development role by Maria Lambert, Community Development Technician. Together, the two are major players in the doings of Romulus' Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) program, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Economic Development Corporation, the Block Grant program, and the Romulus Historical Commission.

"Maria is my right arm," said Down-

ing, her face beaming, "and is a fabulous worker. Romulus is her home town — she was raised here; went to school here; and now, of course, she works here."

Professional and community organizations to which Downing belongs include the American Planning Association, the Michigan Society of Planning Officials, and the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

"Last October," she added, "I became the first female member of the Romulus Rotary Club, an organization which I'm very proud to be a member of."

Downing — whose father and mother, James and Constance, are recently deceased — has four siblings.

Sister Catherine Freeman is married to Brant, a special-education teacher for Wayne County. The couple live in Romulus with their one-year-old daughter, Sarah.

Brother John is married to Lesa; they and their two children — Amy, age 14, and 12-year-old Melissa — reside in Mayville, Michigan. John is employed by the Mayville school system in the buildings and grounds department.

In Lapeer, Michigan, are brother Patrick and his wife Marymargaret. Patrick is a painting contractor.

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Understanding the Funding Plans

	BALLOT PROPOSAL	STATUTORY PLAN
Basic Foundation Grant to Local Schools	\$5,000 per pupil (\$4,200 the first year for lower-spending districts, growing to \$5,000 within five years, foundation grant indexed. Districts wanting to spend more than \$6,500 per pupil may levy extra millage exclusively on homesteads up to 18 mills, then against all property). Romulus will need to levy approximately 14.5 total mills on homesteads to achieve its current per-pupil spending plus 2% (estimated \$6,763).	\$5,000 per pupil (\$4,200 the first year for lower-spending districts, growing to \$5,000 within five years, foundation grant indexed. Districts wanting to spend more than \$6,500 per pupil may levy extra millage against all property). Romulus will need to levy approximately 13.93 total mills on homesteads to achieve its current per-pupil spending plus 2% (estimated \$6,763).
1994-95 School Aid & Budget	\$10.205 billion.	\$10.205 billion.
Sales/Use Tax	Increases from 4% to 6%. (Residential energy utilities are exempt from the increase and would be taxed at 4%). Begins May 1, 1994.	No increase.
Income Tax	Rate decreases from 4.6% to 4.4%. Begins May 1, 1994.	Rate increases from 4.6% to 6%. Begins May 1, 1994.
Personal Exemption	The personal exemption remains at \$2,100. Seniors remain at \$3,000.	The personal exemption increases from \$2,100 to \$3,000. Seniors increase to \$3,900.
Homestead Credit	20% of rent paid is considered property taxes. (Currently 17%).	20% of rent paid is considered property taxes. (Currently 17%).
Property Taxes Levied for School Operations In 1994	Estimated 14.5 mills on homesteads* in Romulus. 24 mills on nonhomesteads. Begins 1994 summer tax bill. *Homesteads are defined as the principle residence of the owner and, in the case of agriculture, certain farmland.	Estimated 13.93 mills on homesteads* in Romulus. 24 mills on nonhomesteads. Begins 1994 summer tax bill. *Homesteads are defined as the principle residence of the owner and, in the case of agriculture, certain contiguous and adjacent farmland.
Enhancement Millage (Subject to Voter Approval)	Local districts may seek voter approval for up to three mills through 1996. Only intermediate school districts (ISDs) may seek voter approval for up to three enhancement mills after 1996.	A local district or intermediate school district (ISD) may seek voter approval for enhancement millage within a specified limit beginning in 1994. Revenue would be shared on a per-pupil basis with districts in the ISD that have such a levy.
Property Tax Assessments	Assessment increases, excluding new construction, are capped at 5% or inflation, whichever is less, until ownership of the property is transferred. Begins In 1995.	No change.
Single Business Tax	No increase.	Rate increases from 2.35% to 2.75%. Begins May 1, 1994.
Tobacco Products Tax	Cigarette tax increases by 50 cents per pack with 6% for public health programs and creates a new tax on non-cigarette tobacco products at 16% of the wholesale price. Begins May 1, 1994.	Cigarette tax increases by 15 cents per pack and creates a new tax on noncigarette tobacco products at 16% of the wholesale price. Begins May 1, 1994.
Interstate Telephone Tax	Subjects interstate calls to the increased use tax of 6%. "800 numbers" and WATS lines are exempt. Begins May 1, 1994.	Subjects interstate and international calls to the use tax rate of 4%. Begins May 1, 1994.
Real Estate Transfer Tax	A new State revenue stamp will be required for all property transfers (\$10 for every \$500 of sales price or fraction thereof). Begins January 1, 1995.	A new State revenue stamp will be required for all property transfers (\$5 for every \$500 of sales price or fraction thereof). Begins May 1, 1994.
Keno Lottery Game	Estimated \$100 million in revenue from the new Bureau of Lottery game.	Not included.
Est. Reductions to Gen. Fund	About \$500 million.	About \$330 million.

Local Commentary

Representative Pitoniak Explains Impact of Education Funding Proposals

(Editor's note: The purpose of the "Local Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible spokespersons are invited to make use of this column at any time. Views expressed in "Local Commentary" are not necessarily those of "the little paper.")

As you are now aware, the Michigan Legislature recently passed the most comprehensive school quality and school finance reform package in its history. I am pleased to have been given the opportunity here by *The Romulus News* to offer my insights to you on this important and complex issue. Indeed, Michigan voters will have the final say on how to fund Michigan's public schools when they go to the polls on March 15.

To the left of this column, on page six, is a chart which provides a point-by-point comparison of the major components of the two plans adopted by the Legislature. The Statutory Plan will take effect unless a majority of the voters vote in favor of the Ballot Proposal on March 15. I personally favor the Statutory Plan, which was developed in the Michigan House of Representatives with substantial public input and strong bi-partisan support. As you may know, the Ballot Plan is essentially Governor Engler's proposal.

There are, of course, advantages and disadvantages to both of these plans, and their impact upon you as a taxpayer depends entirely upon dozens of factors, including your income, the value of your home, your family size, how much you spend, whether or not you smoke, etc. Generally speaking, most Romulus homeowners should experience an overall tax decrease under either plan due to the fact that Romulus Schools have such a high current property-tax millage compared to other school districts, and this millage will be reduced by at least 30 mills under both plans. Specifically, homeowners in the Romulus School District will see their current school operating mills of 44.82 decrease to an estimated 13.93 mills under the Statutory Plan and to an estimated 14.50 mills under the Ballot Plan. This assumes that Romulus Schools wish to maintain their current level of spending plus the estimated 2.4% increase permitted under both plans. (The aforementioned estimates are provided by the House Fiscal Agency.)

If you own property which is not your principle residence, including all commercial and industrial property, the school property tax on that property will be 24 mills under both plans in all Michigan communities. Business taxpayers must take into account several factors when evaluating the impact of both plans on

their finances, including the increased sales tax and loss of Federal deductibility under the Ballot Plan, and the increase in the Single Business Tax rate from 2.35% to 2.75% under the Statutory Plan. In a recent analysis issued by the Senate Fiscal Agency, they estimated that overall business taxpayers would experience a net tax increase of \$65 million under the Ballot Plan and a net tax decrease of \$149 million under the Statutory Plan.

There are other disadvantages of the Ballot Plan which make it difficult to support. Though both plans provide the same overall level of school funding, the Statutory Plan is more dependent upon taxes that are historically more stable in their revenue flow to assure a consistent level of support for public schools. Furthermore, the Ballot Plan has greater restrictions on what is eligible for bonding, making it very difficult for school districts to purchase new equipment and technology. Also the Ballot Plan makes it more likely that Romulus taxpayers will be required to share future property-tax revenues with other Wayne County school districts.

The Ballot Plan also has serious implications for future Romulus City Government operations. The cap on assessment growth will limit City services over the long term and the Ballot Plan does not assure that the City will be able to move forward with major public improvement projects already planned by the Downtown Development Authority and Tax Increment Finance Authority.

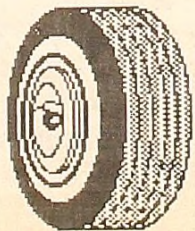
I am pleased that the Michigan Legislature has finally accomplished a major reform of our public school system that will result in improvements in education quality, achieve greater fairness in taxation and education spending, and reduce our dependence upon the property tax to fund public schools. I believe that the Statutory Plan is the best alternative for moving Michigan forward on education and tax reform.

Representative Gregory Pitoniak □

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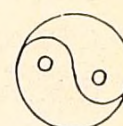
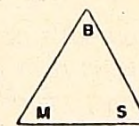
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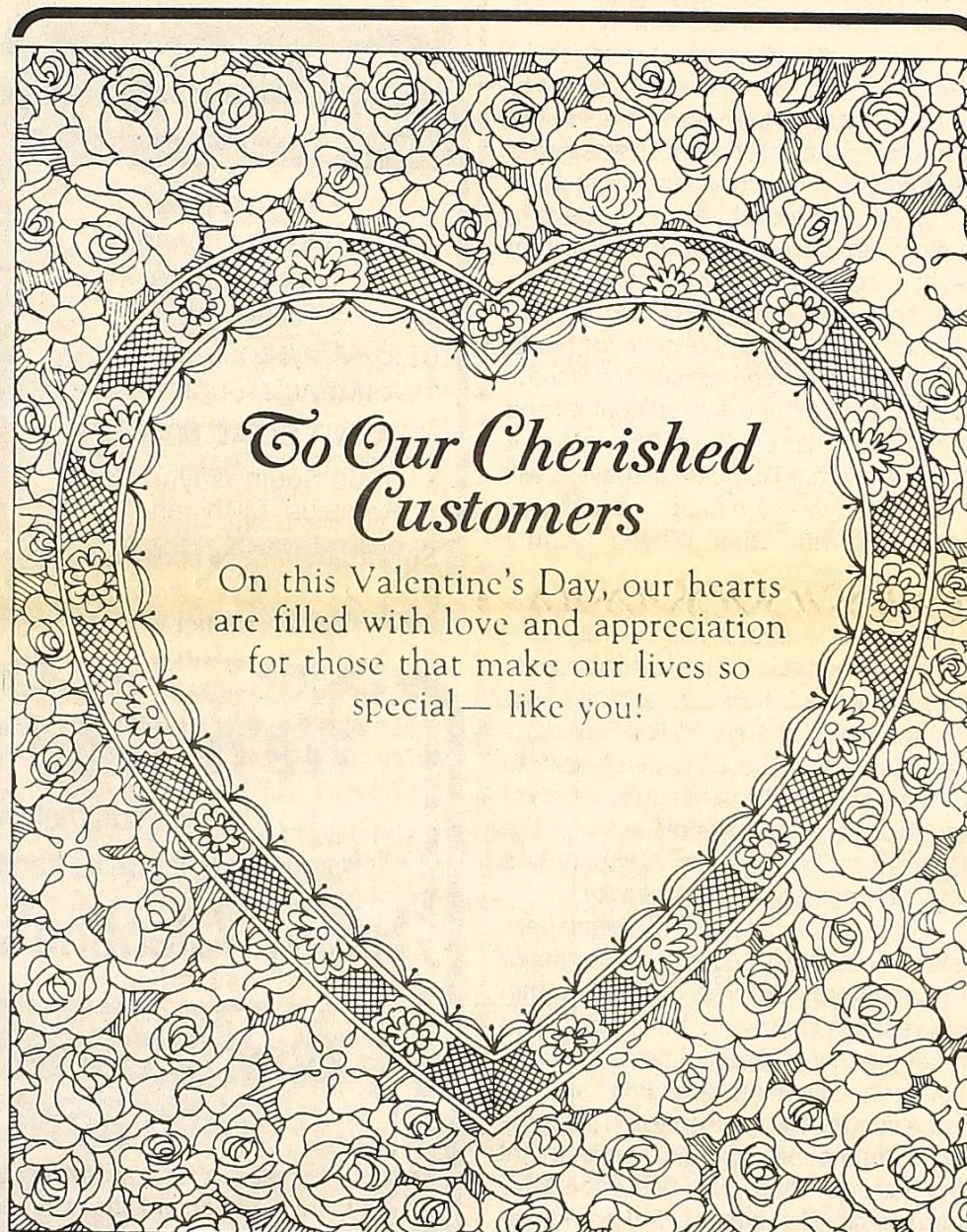
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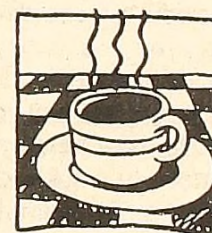
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Recreation News

Many thanks to Gayle Mach, Romulus Recreation Department staff member, and Rick Doane, program coordinator, for contributing information to this issue's "Recreation News" column. For more information about these or other Recreation Department programs, please call 942-6852.

Detroit Piston Basketball

The Romulus Recreation Department is inviting Romulus High School and Middle School students to watch hometown heroes and Romulus alumni Terry Mills and Grant Long square off against one another when the Miami Heat meet the Detroit Pistons at the Palace on Saturday, February 26.

This special event is available to the first 35 students who preregister at the Recreation Building. Registration will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is only \$10 per student, and includes a supervised bus ride to and from the game.

Students will also have the opportunity to see the Michigan connection with stars such as Glen Rice, Steve Smith,

Willie Burton, and John "Spider" Salley. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 5:45 p.m. (students should arrive at 5:30 p.m.) and return at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Register at the Recreation Building Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Adults Learn To Paint with Oils

The Recreation Department is offering two-session oil-painting classes for adults on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The next session will begin February 16. The \$20 cost for each class, which will be taught by Joel Newton, a well-known Downriver artist, covers all supplies needed to complete a painting (except for the frame). Class size is limited to six; advance registration and payment is required.

Walking for Fun and Fitness

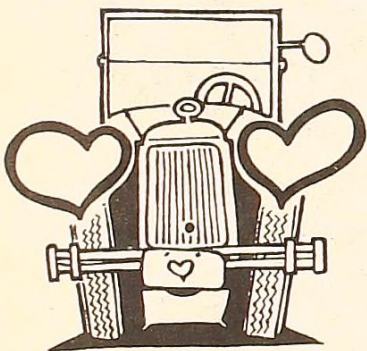
Adult Romulus residents can walk for fun and fitness in the halls of Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) every Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Walkers must check in at the School's main office to receive a pass before walking. □



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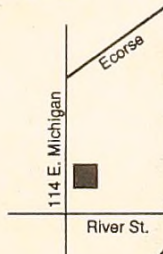
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By Victoria Kyak Martin

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Always puts her patients first and never rips them off;
Tells you up front, like it is, with honesty and love;
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And spends her busy time with you and takes HER time to share
All the things you need to know, expect, or do,
So you, yourself, can have control of what is ailing you.

She always stays calm so you never feel so rushed.
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When I see her do her work, sometimes it strikes me odd;
Her heart is like an angel ... she's working close with God.
Her nurses are the same as her, soothing like a hymn;
They make up the "A-Team": nurse Joanie and nurse Kim.
Words of sincere kindness spoken from these women;
Considerate and most polite, they respect you as a human.

I've heard her peers speak well of her and like her very much:
"She's wonderful" they would say with high regards as such.
She doesn't claim to know it all, but if you need an answer,
She knows where to look for one, regardless of the matter.
She's human, she has her ups and downs, and that's clearly understood;
And still she manages a smile to me that's more than good.
Her smiles and her laughter are her medicine at best -
An inspiration to us all when we're in need of rest.

She doesn't go by all those books, nor is she a magician;
Perhaps the reason for that is she's God's right-hand physician.
An old-fashioned doctor is hard to find these days,
So dedicated and so kind not afraid to pray.
What comfort this doctor is in times of need and urgency,
A character of strength and faith and good ol' honesty.

So if you're looking for a doctor that fits this same description,
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Yes, she's a Rose of a Doctor, as everyone is learning.
God is watching over her; she's blessed and keeps on going.
They don't call her Rose for nothing, that's for sure!
How she handles everything is refreshing and so pure.

To think of all the people you've helped, whose lives were in your hands,
And it only took your healing love to help us understand.
What better way to express my thanks of what I need to say:
A Sweetheart of a Rose you are, with love, Happy Valentines Day!

Written especially for you by me,
Victoria Kyak Martin
Romulus Grad of '71

February 1994

BERGERON SAYS "NO CONFLICT"

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community and its long-term interest. I will not be dissuaded from doing my level best for Romulus by individuals who will stop at nothing to achieve their ends. I am truly disappointed these people have chosen to attack my credibility and that of other City officials who have spent years working to make Romulus a better place to live. I was elected by the citizens of Romulus to represent the people's interests as a whole. To be forced from doing what I was elected to do as a result of these personal insults, threats, and attacks would be against everything I have stood for while in public office, and a tremendous threat to the practice of representative democracy that has made this country what it is."

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In other business conducted at the meeting, the City Council voted 6-1 in favor of placing a proposed Charter amendment – which would allow the City to levy an addition one mill for the next five years for the purpose of creating an

Environmental Protection Fund – on the ballot for voters to decide on in June.

City Attorney Seifman told Council that the ballot language he had developed was deliberately broad so that monies from the fund could be used for more than just legal fees incurred by environmental lawsuits. Other possible uses could include, for instance, cleanup of contaminated sites, wetlands issues, or the consulting services of expert inspectors or advisers, if needed.

The lone dissenter in the vote, Councilman Bergeron, was concerned about the possibility of the money being unwisely used. He also expressed his feeling that it is difficult to justify levying extra money for environmental projects – which, while surely important, may or may not involve health- or life-threatening problems – when Romulus voters recently turned down a request for extra mills to better equip and train our fire department and emergency medical technicians – something that would save lives now. □

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ROMULUS PROFILE: JANE DOWNING

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Downing's brother James and his wife Sharon presently live in Mio, Michigan. A youth counselor for a not-for-profit agency, James is also licensed as a "local pastor" in the United Methodist Church. He hopes to pastor his own church soon, Downing said.

Downing loves "the water" and the many activities connected with it. In her leisure time, she also enjoys golfing, reading (any type of book), traveling, and "antiquing" (searching out antiques).

When queried as to why she so avidly enjoys her work, Downing said, "I enjoy what I do, particularly within and for the City, because I believe strongly that community service – whether its paid or volunteer work – should be an integral part of our lives; we need to give back to that from which we've received."

With such a strong sense of community responsibility, it's no wonder that Jane Downing seems so supremely happy in fulfilling her own particular community-service role. □

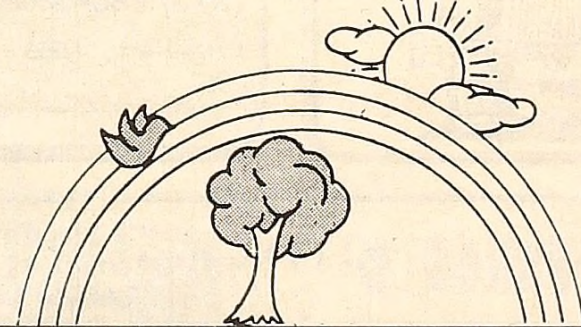
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- **Chamber's 14th Annual Awards Banquet** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 14th Annual Awards Banquet, honoring "Person of the Year" recipient Florence Klein for her outstanding volunteer service to the Romulus community, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25, at the Clarion Inn (Romulus). Donation is \$30 per person, payable to the Romulus Chamber (located at 31200 Industrial Highway) by March 11. For further information please call the Chamber (326-4290).
- **Brighton Beach Memoirs** – While much has been written about the prolific comedic talents of playwright Neil Simon, *Brighton Beach Memoirs* has been heralded as possibly his finest work. Winner of the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play in 1983, this play is the first piece in Simon's poignant and hilarious autobiographical trilogy (the later plays: *Biloxi Blues* and *Broadway Bound*). Huron Civic Theatre (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) will present *Brighton Beach Memoirs* on February 18, 19, 20, 26, & 27; Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. Sunday shows are at 3 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$6 for students/senior citizens. For tickets and information, call 782-5380.
- **Pippin Auditions** – Huron Civic Theatre (32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston) will hold auditions for its production of *Pippin* on Monday and Tuesday, February 21 & 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. Roles are available for four men, two women, one young boy, 12 singer/dancers, and an off-stage chorus. Production dates are set for April 22, 23, 24, 29, & 30, and May 1. For information, call 782-5380.
- **Senior-citizen Walking Club** – If you're a senior citizen (age 50 and over) who would like to begin a regular walking program, now is the time to start! The Romulus Senior Center's van takes interested seniors to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus every Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. for a session of indoor walking at your own pace. As an added incentive, walkers who complete 25 miles will be treated to a free lunch! There's no sign-up; just show up – ready to walk! For more information, call Barbara Schultz at the Center (942-6852).
- **Senior-citizen Valentine Tour** – Romulus senior citizens are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun and surprises when they join old and new friends for a special Valentine's Day tour on Monday, February 14. Included in the trip's \$34 cost is round-trip motorcoach transportation, lunch at the Pinckney Inn, and a "tour and taste" at Leah Gold Chocolate Factory in Brighton. For information, call Marilyn or Barbara at the Romulus Senior Center (942-6852).
- **Volunteers Needed for Youth Assistance Program** – The Romulus Youth Assistance Program, a community-based project which is funded by the City of Romulus, is seeking volunteers to work with youths and children. Free training is available. You can make a difference by volunteering. For more information, call Jennifer Cecelon at the Romulus Help Center: 942-7585.
- **ADHD Parent Support Group** – A free-of-charge Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder parent support group has begun monthly meetings at Bentley Center (15100 Hubbard, Livonia). Parents and facilitators talk about signs and symptoms, how to respond to out-of-control behaviors, discipline, sibling rivalry, and much more! For more information, call 313-513-7598.
- **Romulus Historical Museum** – The Romulus Historical Museum (located on Hunt Street next to the Post Office in downtown Romulus) is open to the public every Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call the Museum at 942-2340.

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By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member; and Eugene Dzwik, Senior Citizens Coordinator for Huron Township, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

News from the Romulus Senior Center

Antique Appraisal Clinic – Have you been wondering what grandma's old heirloom is really worth? Well, here's your chance to find out! On Saturday, February 19, DuMouchelle Art Gallery will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to conduct an appraisal clinic. (No appointment is necessary.) The cost for verbal appraisals will be \$3 per item; written appraisals will be \$5 per item. DuMouchelle may also be interested in purchasing some items, so come ready to dicker!

Paczke Day! – Make the most of "Fat Tuesday" (February 15) by joining old and new friends at the Center between 8:30 and 10 a.m. for a delicious paczke ("poonchkey") and coffee. (So that they can be sure to have enough for everyone, they'd appreciate it if you'd call at least a day in advance.) Don't miss this last chance to indulge yourself before Lent!

Hawaiian Luncheon – The Center's gourmet chef will be preparing a Polynesian-type menu on Friday, February 18, at 12 p.m. The \$2 cost for this special luncheon must be paid ahead; register at the Center by February 16.

Free Income-tax Service – The Romulus Senior Center will provide free assistance with all forms pertaining to Federal and State income tax.

This program is targeted toward Romulus seniors with a yearly income of \$20,000 or less.

Homeowners only will be seen on February 16; all other seniors will be scheduled on the remaining Wednesdays before the April 15 deadline (February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13).

You must call (942-6852) in advance

for reservations. Everyone will be provided with a list of all necessary information that you *must* have on the day of your appointment.

Special Trips – Seniors interested in more information about this or other scheduled trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Masters: 942-6852.

Niagara Falls in Winter – See the beautiful Niagara falls under a crystalline blanket of snow and ice when you take this special two-day/one-night tour with the Romulus Senior Center. The \$95 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of the trip, which departs February 24, covers round-trip motorcoach transportation, one night's lodging, a tour of the Falls area, and shopping time.

Free Blood-pressure Screening – Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. The next screening will be on March 7. For further information, please call 942-6852.

Weekly Programs at the Center – Chances are, you'll find at least one of your favorite hobbies among these regular events at the Romulus Senior Center: ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO! (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); oil painting (Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.); line dancing (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

Hot Lunch – For only \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for your reservation. (For information on getting home-delivered meals, please call 1-800-851-1454.)

Center Closed – Just a reminder that the Center will be closed in remembrance of the births of presidents Abraham Lincoln (February 11) and George Washington (February 21). □

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH – 11338 Ozga Road / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:00 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

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BEVERLY HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH – 34156 Beverly Road / 729-6440 / Dr. Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 7:30 p.m. / Thursday Prayer Service – 12:00 p.m. / Thursday Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m. / Thursday Bible Study – 7:30 p.m. / Free Transportation for Church Service – Call 729-6440

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Dylan Roger Brown

Proudly announcing the birth of their new son, Dylan Roger Brown, are Ricky and Jodie (Olshewski) Brown of Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Dylan was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 8:03 a.m. on Friday,

January 14, 1994, weighing in at eight pounds even and measuring 20½ inches.

Dylan's maternal grandparents are Mike and Jacqueline Hawkins (Romulus, MI); Cleveland and Carol Brown (Romulus, MI) are his paternal grandparents.

Lance Michael Chandler

Corey and Rhonda Chandler are pleased to announce the birth of their future firefighter, Lance Michael Chandler.

Lance was born on Monday, December 27, 1993, at Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI). He weighed nine pounds, 8½ ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

He joins Big Sister Ashley, who is 3½ years old.

Proud grandparents are Sheldon and Gloria Chandler (Romulus, MI), Mitch and Nancy Michling (Auburn Hills, MI), and Jack Helsel (Redford, MI).



Jessica Marie Dockery

Michael and Antoinette Dockery of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first daughter, Jessica Marie Dockery.

Jessica was born in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 1, 1994. At birth, she weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and measured 20 inches in length.

Especially excited about Jessica's arrival were big brothers Justin Michael (age six) and Travis Jordan (age two).

Jessica's maternal grandparents are Jerry Harper (Lincoln Park, MI) and Waverly Harper (Wyandotte, MI); Glenn and Helen Dockery (Mancelona, MI; formerly of Taylor, MI) are her paternal



grandparents; and Nellie Carmickle (Kalkaska, MI; formerly of Taylor, MI) is her paternal great-grandmother.

Shantelle Alane Harris

Proud parents of Shantelle Alane Harris are Roger and Lorri Harris of Romulus, Michigan.

Shantelle was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 7:36 p.m. on Saturday, December 11, 1993, weighing in at seven pounds, five ounces, and measuring 21 inches.

Welcoming Shantelle home was her big sister Kallie (age 3).

Her maternal grandparents are Diane Boger (Romulus, MI) and Larry Boger (Grand Haven, MI); Clarence and Nancy Harris (Romulus, MI) are her paternal grandparents; and her paternal great-grandparents are Al and Pat Lucke (Romulus, MI). □



For Helena Marie Maciejewski Ford on her 83rd Birthday: February 24, 1994



Thank you, mother, for being such a beautiful person, such a wonderful and special friend. You're to be admired for your strength and also for your gentleness. When I think of all the ways you've given of yourself and the times that you've listened and cared, I realize just how lucky I've been to have someone like you in my life. Thank you for being there and for giving me so many reasons to care about you, too. For this and more, Mother, I love you. May God grant us more time together - "Heaven can wait."

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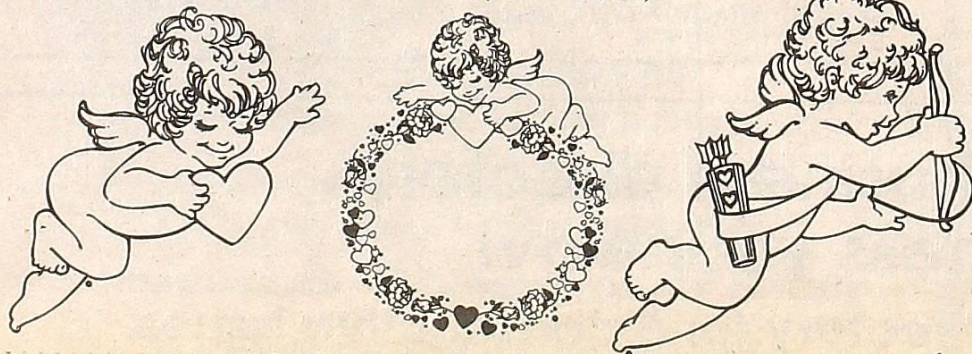
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Obituaries

Terry L. Troutt, Former Mayor of Romulus, Dies at Age 74

Terry L. Troutt of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, February 3, 1994. He was 74 years old.

The former Mayor of Romulus was born in Kennett, Missouri, on November 1, 1919, and served with the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 before his honorable discharge.

Besides his term as Mayor from 1973-1975, Troutt also served, at various times, as chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors Ways and Means Committee, Romulus Township Supervisor, and State Senator. His various memberships included the Romulus Township Democratic Club (of which he was president); the 16th Congressional District Democratic Organization (of which he was chairman); UAW-CIO Local #142 (for which he served as financial secretary), the American Legion, the VFW, and the Kiwanis Club.

Troutt is considered to have been instrumental in much of Romulus' development, particularly its roads and its sewer and water systems.

Troutt is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Linda A.) Bitnar (Belleville, MI) and Mrs. Helmut (Connie L.) Pries (Belleville, MI); two sisters, Mrs. Opal Tomey (New Boston, MI) and Mrs. Clarence (Mildred) Holloway (Flat Rock, MI); and four grandchildren: David, Laura, Anna, and Michael. His wife, Anna Samar, predeceased him in 1971.



Funeral services were held on Monday, February 7, at Crane Funeral Home in Romulus, with Reverend Herbert C. Copeland of Bethlehem Baptist Church officiating. Tri-County Cremation Services of Ypsilanti handled the cremation arrangements.

Memorial tributes may be made to any cancer research fund. □

Clarence Henry Ballard

Clarence Henry Ballard of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, February 3, 1994. He was 79 years old.

The retired conductor was born in Pemiscott, Missouri, on April 26, 1914, and married Thelma K. Linnabary in Napoleon, Michigan on October 29, 1939.

Clarence is survived by his wife; two sons, Clarence Ray (Romulus, MI) and Gerald J. Ballard (Hastings, MI); three daughters, Mrs. Joyce Lynch (Hillsboro, IL), Mrs. Bruce (Janice) Rooney (Rutland, Iowa), and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Gabrys (Ypsilanti, MI); 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 7, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend J.D. Landis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Heart Association.

Wilmer J. Block

Wilmer J. Block, a native of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, January 24, 1994, at the age of 71.

The former block-layer was preceded in death by his wife, Helen B. (Helfrich) Block, whom he married on June 30, 1945. Wilmer was living in Crocker, Michigan, at the time of his death.

He is survived by his son, Russell (Dianna) Block (High Springs, FL); his daughter, Mrs. Gerald (Ruth) Wade (Twin Lakes, MI); five brothers, Albert (Gertrude), Charles (Peg), John (Rose), Delton (Joanie), and Irving (Rose) Block (all of Romulus, MI); and his sister, Mrs. Andrew (Ruth) Ferkovich (Westland, MI).

No funeral services will be held at this time.

Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI) handled the cremation arrangements. Other arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Susie Brown

Susie Brown of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, January 30, 1994. She was 89 years old.

The former domestic was born in Atlanta Georgia, on November 25, 1904.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Emma Louise Shropshire.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 4, at Bethlehem Temple (Inkster, MI), with Elder Wilson Roberts officiating. Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Park (Ypsilanti, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Reggie L. Dizney

Reggie L. Dizney of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, February 5, 1994. He was 34 years old.

Born in Corbin, Kentucky, on August 24, 1959, Reggie had worked as an exterminator for All Seasons Pest Control. He and his wife, Tami R. (Dennis) Dizney, were married on October 14, 1988, in Toledo, Ohio.

Reggie is survived by his wife; three daughters, Jennifer M. Shelton, Jessica R. Shelton, and Kayla M. Dizney (all of Romulus); his mother, Mary F. Dizney; and five sisters, Mrs. James (Shelvia Jean) Sylvester (London, KY), Mrs. Bobby (Clista M.) Cox (Gray, KY), Mrs. Sanlon (Audelle C.) Wyatt (Gray, KY), Mrs. Bill (Theresa M.) Ellison (Corbin, KY), and Mrs. Richard (Trudy A.) Stevens (Corbin, KY). He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI) handled the cremation arrangements.

Memorial tributes may be made to the family.

Maudie M. Fitzgerald

Maudie M. Fitzgerald of Romulus, MI, died on Saturday, January 22, 1994, at the age of 78.

The former owner of E&M Market was born in Waverly, Tennessee, on December 1, 1915. Her husband, Edward Fitzgerald, predeceased her on October 31, 1992.

Maudie is survived by two sons, Carlos C. Blackburn and William Durham (both of Romulus, MI); one daughter, Ms. Shirley Webb (Honor, MI); one stepdaughter, Ms. Francis Birchfiel (Romulus, MI); 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 26, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend J.D. Landis (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Lorene Gelormino

Lorene Gelormino of Westland, Michigan, died on Friday, January 21, 1994. She was 66 years old.

A homemaker, Lorene was born in Golden Pond, Kentucky, on June 25, 1927.

She is survived by her husband, Edward John Gelormino; three sons, John (Coralee), Edward (Brenda), and James (Peggy) Gelormino (of Taylor, Westland, and Inkster, MI, respectively); two daughters, Mrs. Gary (Peggy) Dunstan (Manitou Beach, MI) and Mrs. Mary Pitts (Canton, MI); three brothers, Clarence (Dearborn Heights, MI), Gary (Taylor, MI), and Horace Lee Nash (Laporte, IN); two sisters, Katheryn Frank (Newport, MI) and Sue Stokley (Romulus, MI); 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 24, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Bryan Smith (Geneva Presbyterian Church) officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery (Livonia, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any Arthritis or Diabetes foundation.

John "Jack" D. Glaab, Sr.

John "Jack" D. Glaab, Sr., a native of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, January 18, 1994, at the age of 62.

The owner/operator of the Monarch Cleaners in Romulus was born on February 25, 1931.

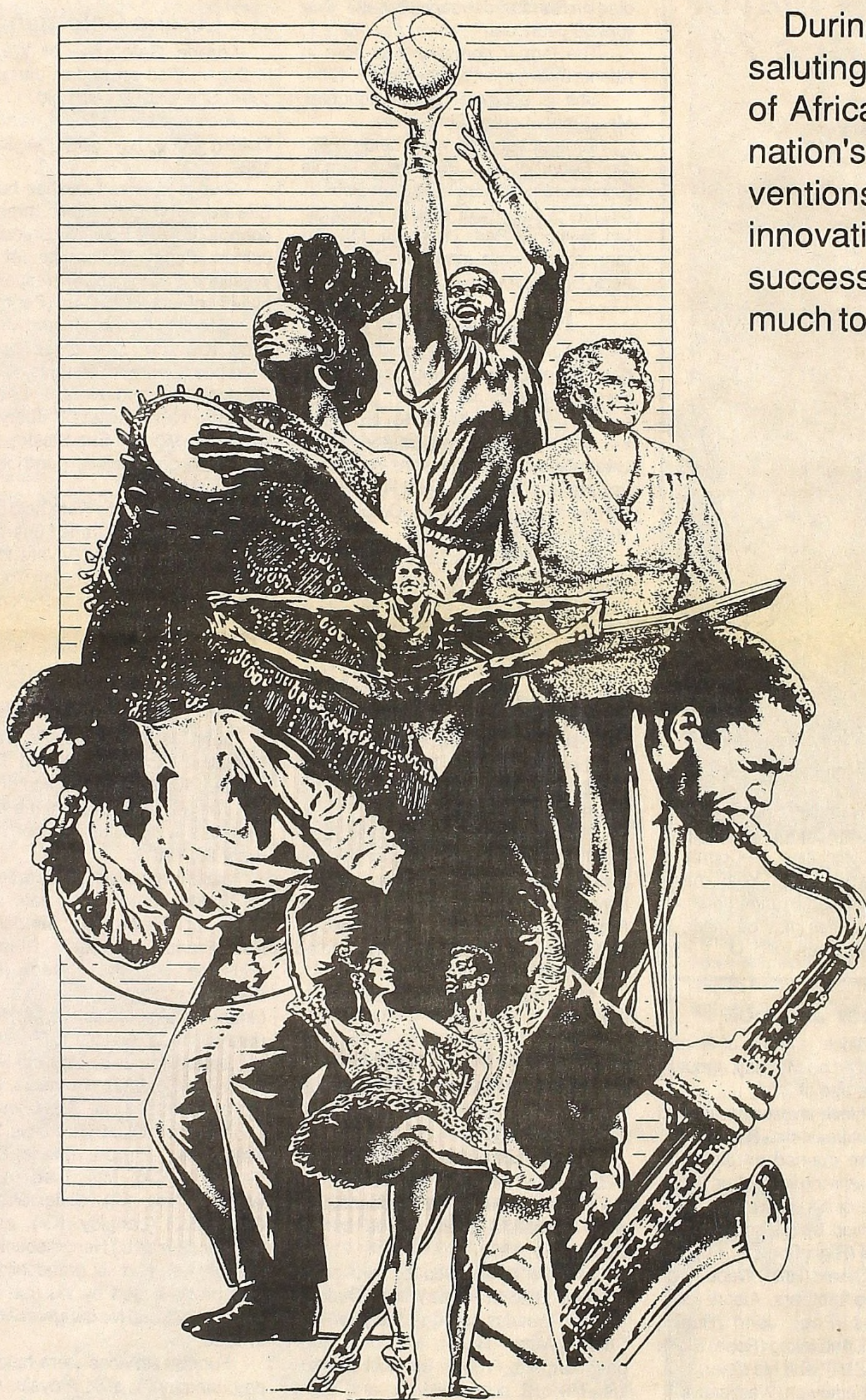
Jack is survived by his wife, Gloria M. Krokker Glaab; one son, John D. Glaab, Jr. (Milford, MI); six daughters, Mrs. Francis (Jeanette) Birmingham (Flushing, MI), Mrs. George (Patricia) Walls (Downington, PA), Mrs. Joseph (Joanne) Cafarelli (Canton, MI), Mrs. Rick (Mary) Collins (Westland, MI), Ms. Anita M. Glaab (Romulus, MI), and Mrs. Rex (Jennifer) Boatright (Romulus, MI); two brothers, Peter J., Jr. (New Boston, MI) and William P. Glaab (Romulus, MI); four sisters, Mrs. Philip L. (Marie) Delangis (Signalhill, CA), Mrs. Fred (Anita M.) Wooley (Troy, MI), Sister Patricia E. Glaab-IMH (Langley, KY), and Mrs. Charles (Susan L.) Hengstebeck (Grand Rapids, MI); and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son Christopher in 1982 and his daughter Ann Marie in 1956.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 21, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI) with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Lung Association. □

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